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## MEDIA RELEASE

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UM TO HOST MONTANA SCIENCE FAIR APRIL 10-11

MISSOULA --

Junior high and high school students from around Montana will have a chance to demonstrate their science skills April 10-11 at the 32nd Montana Science Fair.

At the fair, which will be held at the University of Montana's Harry Adams Field House, high school students in grades nine through 12 will compete for prizes in 13 categories: biochemistry, medicine and health, environmental studies, microbiology, physics, engineering, mathematics, zoology, behavioral and social sciences, earth and space sciences, chemistry, botany and computer science.

Junior high school students in grades seven and eight will compete in physical and biological sciences within their grade levels.

The top boy and girl in the high school category will win gold medals and an expense-paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for May 10-16 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Top award winners in the seventh- and eighth-grade categories will receive silver and bronze medals. A silver medal will be awarded for the best exhibit by a high school freshman.

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All awards will be presented at a banquet at noon April 11 in the University Center Ballroom.

Registration forms and science fair information will be mailed to science teachers the first week in January.

Applications must be postmarked by midnight April 1.

High school students planning to do research on humans must have the approval of the Institutional Review Board at their local school.

In addition, students conducting research on humans, vertebrates, recombinant DNA or tissue must receive approval from the Scientific Review Committee of the Montana Science Fair.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students conducting experiments with vertebrates need no special certification. Science teachers are encouraged to ensure sound judgment and humane treatment of subjects in the experiments.

The Montana science fair, sponsored by UM with support from the Missoula Exchange Club, was founded in 1956 by Reuben Diettert, professor emeritus of botany. Diettert directed the fair for 18 years.

For more information, contact Professor Charles Eyer, director of the Science Fair, at the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812; 243-4872 or 243-4621.

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